



## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a Groundwater Discharge, permit number NS2024513 from the following applicant:

NEVADA GOLD MINES LLC-CORTEZ DISTRICT  
HC 66 BOX 1250  
CRESCENT VALLEY, NV - 89821

### **Permit NS2024513, NEVADA GOLD MINES - CORTEZ DISTRICT:**

This is a new permit. This permit covers 12 On-Site Disposal Systems (OSDS) for restrooms at Nevada Gold Mines LLC – Cortez District, with a total capacity of 53,900 gallons. The Mine Plan Area, which includes the Gold Acres, Pipeline, Cortez, and Cortez Hills complexes, spans approximately 58,093 acres. Of this, 54,825 acres are public lands managed by the BLM Mount Lewis Field Office, and 3,268 acres are private lands controlled by Cortez. Due to rotating shifts at Cortez, the number of employees on-site fluctuates during each shift. As of September, there was an average of 2,800 employees across the areas serviced by these septic systems. Solid waste pumped from the septic tanks is transported to the Desert Disposal facility at 8965 Jungo Road, Winnemucca, NV 89445, under permit NS2004511, for land application.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NS2024513 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance should submit their comments or request, in writing, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 12/08/2024, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

A public hearing on the proposed determination can be requested by the applicant, any affected state, any affected interstate agency, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region IX, or any interested agency, person, or group of persons. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. Any public hearing determined by the Administrator to be held must be conducted in the geographical area of the proposed discharge or any other area the Administrator determines to be appropriate. All

public hearings must be conducted in accordance with NAC 445A.238.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Lior Singer P.E. M.Sc., Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9431 or at [lsinger@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:lsinger@ndep.nv.gov). The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water>.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.